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Baseball Photography Exhibition at Central Library
Local Man Saving Baseball Fans' Snapshots

SAN DIEGO – A collection of baseball photographs will be on display at the San Diego Public Library from now through February 28, 2010. This free exhibition is on the second floor of the Central Library near the Art, Music & Recreation Section and the Children's Room. The photographs were assembled by local baseball historian and author Andy Strasberg as part of his ongoing Fantography project to gather snapshots taken by fans over the last 100 years that capture a poignant personal moment in major league, minor league, or Negro league baseball.

Mr. Strasberg will also be in the Central Library on Sunday, February 21, 2010, to accept submissions of fans' snapshots and hear the stories behind the pictures. He is interested in photographs of players, ballparks, mascots, or almost anything else related to professional baseball, but he does not want pictures by professional photographers or pictures of baseball game action. Once he has enough, he will start the process of turning them into a book and preserving for eternity the professional baseball experience from the fan's perspective. According to Mr. Strasberg, a photograph is an ideal way to document a fan's experience. "It's better than a cap, ball, pennant, or player's autograph. It's personal and meaningful."

Mr. Strasberg says that every day hundreds of baseball snapshots taken before the digital age are lost as the original owners pass away and their belongings are discarded. Today's digital pictures are also being lost. Once snapshots are taken by a fan with a digital camera or phone, they are downloaded to a computer, usually not printed, and almost always forgotten. Fantography's website is www.Fantography.net.

San Diego Public Library is home to an ever growing collection of Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) books and research material. It is one of the largest collections of its kind west of the Mississippi.

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